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Little white Marguerite
Has appeared in town,
With her yellow waistcoat
And her ruffled gown.

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With her pretty cousins,
Buttercups and grasses,
Sweethearts by the dozens.

How can ninety-seven
Get along without her?
Singing praise to Heaven,
Chanting songs about her.

No graduation day
Bluster shall abuse her
Even noisy Juniors
Never can refuse her.

There'll be dames in muslin,
And belles in pink and white,
But Daisy's a graduate
Dressed in gold and white.

She toils not, she spins not,
She cannot read or spell,
But with Ninety-seven
She evermore shall dwell.

A lesson take from Daisy—
Modest and simple quite—
Toiling not, nor lazy,
But simply "out of sight!"

Teacher in Civics: "What did King John do, after signing the Magna Charta?"
Rice, in confusion: "He smoked."

MURRAY K. KEYES,

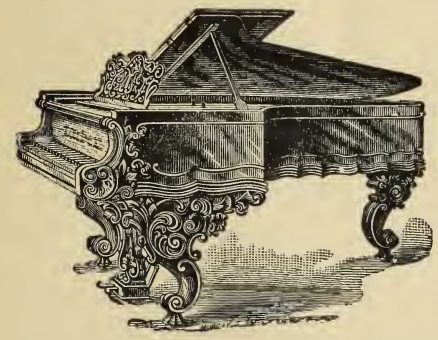
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And all the boys holler, "Wake up, John"?

HISTORY OF '97.

Ich Dien'.



Fresh? Fresh, were we? No, indeed, we were simply '97. In spite of the smiles of '96, who, though so slightly advanced in the world, calmly looked down upon us Freshmen, we came to a realizing sense of our importance as a class. Fortunately for us, we were spared the humiliating experience of getting lost in the strange building, and of coming suddenly upon a roomful of grinning upper-class people, by the afternoon session of school.

This, it is true, was somewhat hard on the teachers, but the timid members of '97 breathed more freely when not in contact with "arrogant sophs." In this manner we developed that independence which showed itself in us later, and to all that goes to make a class successful.

The year passed without any striking occurrences, except, perhaps, the open attention which began to be shown a prominent young lady of our class by another member quite as prominent. It has been suggested that public opinion at that time might hav been, that the motive Powers needed a little Joslin. However that may be, it was not more shocking than the results of some of Professor Hitchcock's essay subjects.

How proud we were when we came back in the autumn! How delighted that we were no longer Freshmen, and that we might survey '98 from our lofty height! Sophomores! We were on the road to that success which does not make us conceited, and which distinguishes us from all other classes.

During that year, came one day the startling announcement of a class meeting. There had been no deaths nor departures, and wonderingly we gathered in Mr. Chapin's room, Joe Gay in the chair (but who put him there is beyond knowledge). A committee was appointed to select class colors, "to report at some future time." Suffice it to say that the committee never reported.

Meanwhile, all thoughts were directed to the elegant new building

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where we were to have the pleasure of completing our course.

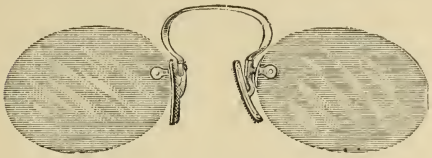
When we came back to enjoy our privileges as Juniors, we were in entirely different circumstances. There were more teachers, more room, more time, more fun—more everything.

Now began our first real feelings of strength and importance. Now we began to think of organization. Accordingly, a meeting was called, Mr. Chapin in the chair, and the class elected Ballantine president; Dora Clifford, vice-president; Nellie Burnap, secretary; and George Rice, treasurer.

Like the hustling class that we are, we speedily chose class colors (gold and white), and for a flower the Marguerite. Then we chose our motto, which is as helpful as it is renowned. Shortly Helen Rice and her committee had furnished us with our rings and pins, the prettiest in the annals of the school, and by this time '96 was breathless. Why should it not be? No class has ever before undertaken so much in its Junior year, and we actually frightened people with our executive ability.

We had our first party. That it was a success goes without saying. Before long we decided to have another. Then it was that the jealousy of '96 began to show itself. What? Let the Juniors outdo them by having two parties? Audacity! Never! Now came a series of secret meetings, and dead silence on the party question. Meanwhile, our tickets were out and our success assured. We assumed an air of indifference and waited for developments. "Murder will out." Shortly before the time set for our party, they issued tickets, and behold! they had by hook or by crook (but we think more probably by the cheek of Bowers), arranged their party to come before ours. It would be a waste of words to give details, for '97 and its friends know how the affair came out, and what the popular verdict was, in spite of the Jamaica ginger episode, which, by the way, was such a brilliant idea, so worthy of '96.

As usual, the Juniors were "invited" to decorate the halls for graduation. Again we exhibited our magnanimity by breaking our backs and emptying our treasury, with several helpful (?) suggestions from some of the Seniors, and a great many complaints. Again we were silent until our time came. Monday morning, after graduation, we beheld a bright '96 flag floating from the staff. That would never



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"Oh! he was all made of love and charms, whatever maid could wish or man admire."
—H–m–y Delea, '98.

do. At least, Rice evidently thought so, if we can judge from his acrobatic performance.

But all good things come to an end, and so it was with the Seniors. Not that they came to an end (impossible!), but the quarrels with us. We have been Seniors for nearly a school year, and we have followed the Golden Rule. We have lived on and prospered; we have had five parties (no Jamaica ginger), all of which have been eminently successful; and we are very happy. Rice is equal to his duties, we know Miss Waymouth will not abscond, and we have so many good-looking members that we are proud to belong to each other. Of course we have a great and lasting affection for our teachers, who know and appreciate our worth, and we are loyal to Mr. Hitchcock and the school. We do not know what is in store for us, but may each one of us look back upon the life at our beloved school, and the relation to the class of '97, as one of the happiest periods of his or her existence.

The Teachers' Sleigh-Ride.

The High School teachers had a sleigh-ride last winter. Don't you wish that you had gone *Witham?* They passed the *Fairbanks* of the Nashua, and the fields were *Brown* —a *Goodhue* for the tired eyes of the teachers. *Merrill*-ly they rode over the *Sleepers* of the railroad in their gay *Hunt* for a good time. It would have made any sick *Hartwell* to see so many people *All-en* one sleigh. Through mistake, some *May* have thrown *Rice* enough to *Stock-er* farm at them as they passed through Ash-*Bingham*. So-*Bur-gess*-tures were made as the sharp, *Cool-idge* of the wind drew across their faces. Scarfs fluttered like sails on *Briggs*, and they thought of the glowing *Cowles* in the grates at home. They had a small luncheon, but as the pie-crust was *Al-lard* they left it in a black-*Smith* shop on the way. *No-len*-thy discussion of the fun that passed between them need be entered upon here, so we will close, hoping that they came home via *Kimball* street, and adding that Professor *Hitchcock* was there too.

NOTE.—This article was written by MR. H. B. SHERMAN, one of the most promising literary geniuses of the Senior Class. The committee refuses to take the responsibility for the fierce puns herein perpetrated.

Ich Dien—*I Serve.*

In her beautiful Class Ode of '97 the young and talented authoress says:

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CHRONICLES.

SEPTEMBER.

8. '97 returns to school as Seniors.
9. The football management secures a competent coach.
19. High School eleven wins its first game with Murdock, 4—0.
26. F. H. S. team beats Gardner, 36—6.
28. First Junior Class meeting.

OCTOBER.

3. Marlboro is whitewashed by F. H. S. eleven.
11. The Ballantines sever their connection with the football team to win greater laurels on Ware's gridiron.
17. Our football eleven defeats Ayer, 4—0.
20. Professor Merrill forgets to blow the steam whistle, and run the X-ray machine the first hour.
24. F. H. S. team experiences a snap with Leominster, 18—0.

NOVEMBER.

2. First Senior Class party.
6. Mr. Chapin accepts the position of Principal of the State Normal School in Westfield.
21. The football team defeats the Monomonac–F. A. C. combination, 6—0.
26. High School eleven wins its last game against Murdock, 2—0.

DECEMBER.

25. "Guilbert Darkwood" is held up in the dark on Goodrich street. Nit!
28. Second Senior dance.

JANUARY.

14. Tanner marches into assembly hall in time with the music.
28. Junior Class party. Weather very stormy.

FEBRUARY.

1. Mr. Bingham is welcomed as a teacher.
20. Senior dance. Ladies' night.
24. "Ralphy" Ballantine renews football practice at Mrs. Jarley's wax-works.

MARCH.

1. The civil government class attends Leominster town meeting. Andrews is missed from the class, and refuses to account for himself.
10. Members of the school give a plantation concert. Hayes ('98) makes his debut.

APRIL.

1. Miss Sleeper makes the acquaintance of a Chinese rat.
5. Junior party.
15. The school is startled by the depth of crime set forth by an agent of the S. P. C. A.
16. Johnson repents and joins the Band of Mercy.
19. The last Senior Class party. Gentlemen's night.
23. High School minstrel show.
24. Miss Edgerly adds another to her long list of "catches."
30. Miss Carpenter gives a whistling solo with an alarm-clock obligato.

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MAY.

12. Rogers receives his photographs from Worcester, and thinks them the best he has seen.
29. Hayes ('97) rides tandem with our librarian.
30. The High School decorates the monument. Three of the committee sleep over, in spite of the ingenious alarm-clock devised by Parks ('98.)

JUNE.

7. Hedengren ('99) points to a brick of ice cream and asks, "Mr. Smith, what are you going to do with that soap?"
15. Rogers and Miss Goodrich endeavor to run the astronomy class, but are brought to time by a speedy eruption.

EDITORIAL.

The Class-Book Committee gratefully acknowledges the assistance so willingly given by members of the School. Messrs. Cushing and Hardy, of the Senior Class, have kindly assisted by making drawings.

Owing to an agreement made by some of the merchants, advertisements were not at first secured easily, and the success of this book looked doubtful. To those who, by advertisements, subscriptions, or suggestions, or in any other way contributed to its success, we desire to extend our hearty thanks.

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Who eats four courses and then calls for short-cake? Lovell, ('98).

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When our illustrious (?) predecessors, the class of '96, left school last year, it was commonly remarked that the places their athletes held on the eleven and baseball nine could never be filled; but time told, and by developing new material from the classes of '97 and '98, the best football eleven that has ever represented the school was organized.

Out of eleven games played, eight were won, one tied and only two lost—an excellent showing.

We may state here, with no little pride, that in many cases the brightest stars of the eleven or nine belonged to the class of '97.

In this year's football team, the playing of Fahey ('97) was more conspicuous than that of almost any other man, while Ballantine, Powers, Johnson and Ray all did splendid work, and nearly all of these players were members of the '94 and '95 teams.

Ballantine ('97) was elected captain of the '96 'varsity eleven, but for various reasons was obliged to resign, and Claude Kendall ('98) was appointed to the position, which he filled admirably. He was very popular with the men and got much work out of the team, besides playing an excellent game himself, as did many of the other '98 and '99 men.

In baseball, however, the team which represented our school has played a number of close games the past spring, but unfortunately we have generally met with defeat. There seems to have been a streak of hard luck in nearly all the defeats, or a case of poor playing during some one inning which lost the game.

As in the football eleven, a number of fast players of the nine are from the class of '97. George H. Sprague, Jr. ('97), the star twirler of the school, was elected captain, and it was scarcely through any fault of his that the team has gained so few victories, as his pitching in nearly every game has

Lessons in spooning given by Miss Full-r, '99, who refers to Mr. Sprague, '97. Office at present, Normal School steps. Will change same to accommodate pupils.

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been superb, and he has made every effort to have a winning team.

The place left vacant on the nine when Fahey ('97) leaves school, we may safely prophecy will never be filled. He can field any position on the team in good shape, and his work at third the past year has been a feature of every game.

Another man who merits special mention is "Billy" Morin ('97), whose faithful record behind the plate this season has been a great advantage to the team.

Ryan, Fitzgerald and Morrilly, all of '97, are also members of the 'varsity nine and have all played well. Ryan, the captain of last year's team, left school the first of this season, but not without playing several games at his old position on second base.

C. Kendall, Tinkham and Prescott, from '98, have also shown up well.

Out of the 11 games played, the team has won 4 and lost 7.

As may be seen by the make-up of the teams, and this short account of the players, with the departure of '97 many of the best men, especially on the ball nine, will leave, too; but as '97 has always been an extremely generous class, it ventures to advise '98 and the remaining members of the school not to be discouraged, but next year to start in with renewed vigor and organize, if possible, football and baseball teams that will eclipse all previous records, and demand at all times the united support of the student body.

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L.G.—C. A. Prescott, '98.
C.—H. Parks, '98.
R.G.—C. Johnson, '97.
R.T.—R. T. Sheehan, '98.
R.E.—W. Cross, '98, and W. Ballantine, '97.
Q.B.—C. A. Kendall, '98.
R.H.—C. E. Worster, '98.
L.H.—M. Fahey, '97.
F.B.—H. Powers, '97.

Substitutes.

A. A. Ray, '97. C. Tinkham, '99.
W. E. Hayes, '98. C. Burns, '97.

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HOWARD PARKS, '98, *Manager.*
GEORGE SPRAGUE, Jr., '97, *Captain.*

M. Fahey, '97, 3b.
W. Morin, '97, c.
C. A. Prescott, '98, 1b.
J. Fitzgerald, '97, and B. Ryan, '97, 2b.
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F. H. S. MINSTREL SHOW.



Among the notable events of the year was the Minstrel Show, which occurred April 23, for the benefit of the Athletic Association. The specialties, without exception, were very fine, and the singing of the chorus noticeable for its excellence.

The City Hall was filled with friends of the school, who were surprised and pleased with the degree of talent displayed, many expressing a desire to have it repeated, and all agreeing that it was the best amateur performance ever held in Fitchburg.

Much credit is due Mr. H. L. Chase for the thorough manner in which he conducted the rehearsals, and to Stanley Lovell of '98, for his successful management of the business details.

THE MANDOLIN CLUB.

The only musical organization connected with the school this year is the F. H. S. Mandolin Club.

They have appeared before the public from time to time, and in all cases their selections have been well received.

The Club was organized the first of the year merely to fill in a single number at the exercises given by the school at the close of the fall term. However, being encouraged to continue by the success of their first appearance, the Club has thrived throughout the entire year. Much of the success of the Club is due to the efforts of Miss Gertrude Pearce in the capacity of leader.

The following members of the school compose the Club:

First Mandolins—

Miss Gertrude A. Pearce ('97), Leader.
Miss Minnie E. Fletcher ('98).
Mr. Clifton A. Hayes ('97).

Second Mandolins—

Miss Helen E. Rich ('99).
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I.

The swiftly fleeting hours have sped,
And now has come the day
When we to friends, firm, true and dear,
One fond farewell must say.
Our lives have all been linked as one
For these four years now gone,
And as today we start anew,
"I serve" will guide us on.

II.

The future for us all is planned,
And is it bright and gay?
Oh, will the Fates be kind to us
Who strive our parts to play?
Life's battle may be hard and long,
Yet do not courage lack,
But do the right and fear the wrong,
Look forward, and not back.

III.

Fling out afar your banners bright,
The golden and the white,
And for each soldier staunch and true,
"I serve" will win the fight.
And when at sound of victory
The smoke of war dies down,
May we receive our just reward,
A bright, eternal crown.

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